

August 10, 2017
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chair Dan Hodges called the five hundred sixth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 10, 2017, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Lisa Beethe	Robert Lassen	Don Siske
	Rob Bohling	Tim Loseke	Mike Speece
	Jim Gerweck	Michael McDonald	Dan Stukenholtz
	Orval Gigstad	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Dan Hodges	William Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne
	Doug Iske	Alan Romine	

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Dave Guhde	Jon Keithley
	Jenny Kearney	Eldon Snoke

STAFF PRESENT:	Bob Hilske, Manager
	Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:	Jon Mohr, LBG Engineering, Malcolm
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Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Hodges announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted at the back of the room.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of Publication was presented and is on file.

3. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Siske moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve the excused absences requested by Jenny Kearney, Jon Keithley, and Eldon Snoke. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

Siske moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sugden moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hilske reviewed his report. Nelson reviewed his report. (Both are filed with the minutes.) Hilske also commented on the quality of our summer employees this year.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

A written report was distributed to all members.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported that the Weed Management Board will host a cost-share conference on the 25th in Syracuse. They are also in the midst of household hazardous waste collections.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad encouraged directors to attend the annual conference in Kearney in September. He also reported on the NACD meeting he had attended in Iowa and the awards they gave out there.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

A brief report on the Water Sustainability Fund was emailed to all directors by Steve Sugden.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. Review/Action on Well Permit Applications: None received.

2. Environmental Trust Grant to Install Monitoring Wells: Hilske explained the purpose of the grant. Jon Mohr talked about the Auburn part of this project. Gigstad asked if we do any stream gauging now and Wingert responded that we have done some in the past but not a lot and that there is a USGS stream gauge nearby.

Beethe moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the resolution to apply for Nebraska Environmental Trust Funds for installation of monitoring wells. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Snoko

3. ***PL566 Funding to Construct Sediment Control Structure South of Duck Creek:*** Nelson reviewed the proposed project and funding. He estimated with engineering, land rights, and construction a total cost of around \$320,000, of which \$40,000 would be our share. We could know by the end of September if this is approved.

Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the application for PL566 funding to construct a sediment basin on Duck Creek. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Snoke

4. ***Irrigation Runoff Complaint Filed Against Jared Janssen:*** Wingert explained that Janssen's neighbor called complaining about runoff from flood irrigation. He checked LIDAR data which indicated this is a natural flow of water. Since this is flooding an access road for the neighbor, Janssen offered to do something to improve the situation which might include adding rock to the road. No action.

B. Operations & Education Committee – No meeting

C. Executive Committee

1. ***Delegate & Alternate to NARD Annual Conference:*** Hodges and Gigstad offered to be the delegate and alternate.

Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Lassen, to designate Dan Hodges as delegate and Orval Gigstad as alternate for the NARD Annual Conference. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Snoke

2. ***Temporary Construction Agreement & Revised Perpetual Easement for Upper Big Nemaha 25-C:*** Niedfeldt explained the difference in the two documents. Hilske went over the changes which included the reason for splitting it into two documents, which had to do with requirements for a survey by the County Register of Deeds. We are waiting for the owners to sign the agreement.

Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the temporary construction agreement and revised perpetual easement for Upper Big Nemaha 25-C. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Snoke

3. **Seeding Proposal for Duck Creek:** Niedfeldt reported that we have a bid from Nebraska Hydroseeding to smooth and reseed some areas at Duck Creek where grass seeding was not successful earlier in the year. The bid totaled \$14,467.20. Hilske explained that weather played a large part in the problems with the original seeding.

Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Siske, to accept the proposal from Nebraska Hydroseeding to reseed areas at Duck Creek at a cost of \$14,467.20. Beethe asked if there was a warranty on the seeding; Hilske replied that he would check into that. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Snoke

10. PROPOSED FY18 BUDGET

Hilske reviewed the things that had been changed or added since last month. They included additional funds for SWCP, the Upper Big Nemaha 25-C project, and paying off the NRD's office building loan. This would still leave about \$40,000 that could be cut from the tax request. With this proposal the levy would be at or slightly below three cents.

Beethe moved, seconded by Gigstad, to advance the budget as proposed and set the budget hearing for September 14. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NAY: McDonald

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Snoke

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS, SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Gigstad commented on the NRCS budget situation and their partnership with NACD. The next meeting will be September 14 at 8:00 with committees and the budget hearing prior to the meeting.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

Siske moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the consent agenda. Consent agenda items: Excused Absences, Minutes, Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Snoke

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Siske moved, seconded by Bohling, to adjourn. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss,
Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Snoke

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Approved 9/14/17

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District